

Watauga Democrat.

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The compulsory school bill for Watauga county introduced by Dr. Phipps, and which appears elsewhere in these columns, is a good one and should be read and carefully considered by every one whose eyes fall on this paper. It is indeed a long stride in the right direction, and we feel sure that the law, if such it becomes, will meet with the approval of the best citizenship of the county. It is only a matter of time until the entire State will have compulsory education, and we are anxious that dear old Watauga should enlist during the present session of the Legislature. Just think of the numbers of boys and girls of school age who are being allowed to idle away their precious time, and letting the golden hours of opportunity slip by. Let us have compulsory education; put them in school, and by so doing many a young mind will become enthused and awakened to the importance of an education that they may be better prepared for the great battle of life. When the State of North Carolina as a whole, takes this step, and forces education, if it has to be done, then the time will soon come when she will not be looked upon by her sister States as one of the most ignorant in the union.

It was rather amusing to note the action of the Legislature in passing a bill to reimburse Lacey and the very next day voting to repeal the act of the previous day. Well they saw where they had done wrong and the only thing to do was to right it. But it seems that anyone with a thimbleful of sense might have known that he should not be reimbursed. In the first place, he did not have to keep that rogue, and in the second place it was his duty to look after the business of the State and deserves no credit for detecting the shortage caused by the nimble fingers of Col. Martin. The State was paying Lacey to do the business, but still some bright fellow will jump up and say that he ought to be paid for doing his duty. Absurd!

The capitol of North Carolina is an excellent building; all that it needs is to be taken care of. To think for one moment of spending two or three hundred thousand dollars of the people's money on this building, when there are not places to protect the poor unfortunate creatures of our State who are insane is about the most ridiculously absurd thing we have heard mentioned. If the present State officers have not room to perform their duties let the present legislature spend two or three hundred thousand dollars, and then the people will send them out four years from now to a place where there will be room and to spare.—Catawba County News.

An American steamer with a cargo of provision bound for Vladivostok, was seized by the Japanese in the Pacific Ocean east of Hokkaido Island on the 27th.

The Legislature has taken a whack at cocaine and morphine. Before the session ends much will be done restricting the whiskey traffic. Along with these other evils, it might not be a bad idea for them to take a whack at the cigarette question. The "little devils," as one of our exchanges calls cigarettes, are doing more to ruin the health and constitutions of the boys of this land than any other cause.—Roxboro Courier.

C. C. Higgins, the jailor at Burnsville, had a narrow escape from death one day last week. Higgins had turned two prisoners out of the cage to give them some exercise, and was bending down to replenish the fire, when one of the prisoners lit him on the head with a brick. He regained himself in time to save the prisoner. He was so badly hurt that medical aid was necessary.

Great suffering with the poor in New York City, is reported during the cold wave that swept the country. While the merrymen stood at zero and the blinding snow driven by the wind at the rate of forty miles an hour one hundred and fifty people were driven out to face the storm on account of fire. Many of them will not recover from the exposure.

The great strike in Russia is gradually dying, and the authorities regard the danger of a general tie-up of Russian industries as practically over, and that the attempt to throw the movement into a political revolt has failed. The government's promise of shorter hours seems to have a passifying effect upon the working people.

The department of agriculture has estimated the damage to the cotton crop of Texas the past year by the boll weevil at 400,000 bales the value of which was \$22,000,000.

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On the night of Jan 27th, about 10.30 o'clock fire was discovered in one of the dormitories of the Bingham school at Asheville, which damaged the buildings to the amount of \$2,000. All the students escaped injury and lost very little of their personal effects.

Vice-President Fairbanks is to be the guest of the "Tar Heel Club" at its meeting in Greensboro on the 22nd inst. Many other prominent Republicans will also be present this being the celebration of the organization of the newly formed club.

A south bound passenger train and a north bound freight train on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad met in collision at Tullahoma, Tenn; on the 27, in which four trainmen were killed and a number of passengers injured.

A meeting of farmers was held at Bandy's store a few days ago, at which a resolution was passed not to sell any more wood at present price. The Newton cotton mills are all using coal this winter and it is claimed that it is cheaper than wood.—Enterprise.

About 25 per cent. of the orange crop remaining on the trees throughout the orange belt of Florida have been frozen and are entirely worthless. A large portion of the loss falls upon the buyers who bought the crop on the trees.

Gov. Glenn has commuted the death sentence of Birch Morgan, the young man of Montgomery county, to life imprisonment. Morgan killed a man in Montgomery county last year and was sentenced to be hanged in February.

Mrs. Brodie Duke has been arrested on the charge of false statements, which caused a stockholder of a bank in Chicago to endorse her note for \$20,000, and the consequence is she is now residing in the Toms prison along with Nan Patterson.

John Bryson and Cling Clarke of Collettsville got into a fight last week which resulted in Bryson getting seriously cut with a knife. The trouble came up over Clarke placing a joint of dynamite in a tree near Bryson's house and firing it.

Papers have been received at the police station in Charlotte from the authorities of Joplin, Mo., offering \$1,400 reward for the capture of three men Estile Butler, Geo. Rogers and John Franklin, wanted for the murder of Policeman Claude Bryce, a few days ago.

It is not necessary to pass any further temperance laws until the present laws are executed and their virtue tried. We can't tell whether the Watts law is a good thing or not; it hasn't been tried.—Wilkesboro Chronicle.

The Union Meeting.

The Union Meeting of the Three Forks Association met with the Zionville Baptist church at 10 o'clock, a. m., Saturday Jan. 28, 1905, and was organized by electing Elder C. S. Farthing moderator and C. R. Norris secretary.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather there was no meeting on Friday.

Every question that had been assigned by the committee for discussion was represented by one or more speakers. It seemed to be a very interesting meeting. Many of the questions were handled with intelligence and from a very practical standpoint.

The Sunday School address by Elder L. A. Wilson delivered at 10, a. m., to the Sunday school, and the sermon by Elder L. C. Wilson at 11, a. m., were both very interesting and were given to the congregation in a very plain common-sense way.

I could say many good things about other features of the meeting, but I fear space cannot be given.

The Sunday School Convention of the Three Forks Association will convene with the church at Shull's Mills on Friday before the fifth Sunday in April, 1905. Every Sunday School worker in the county invited.

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